

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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This application claims the benefit of Japanese Application No. 2002-288535 filed October 1, 2002.

At page 11, lines 7-13:

The magnet system 100' has a main magnetic field magnet section 102', a gradient coil section 106', and an RF coil section 108'. The main magnetic field magnet section 102' and the coil sections each ~~consists of~~ include a pair of members facing each other across a space. These sections have a generally disk-like shape and are disposed to have a common center axis. A subject 1 is rested on a cradle 500 and carried into and out of an internal space (bore) of the magnet system 100' by carrier means, which is not shown.

At page 20, lines 14-17:

An echo in the SSFP state ~~consists of~~ includes an FID (free induction decay) component and a spin-echo (SE) or stimulated-echo (STE) component. The FID component is also referred to as a gradient echo. The spin-echo or stimulated-echo component is also referred to simply as a spin echo.